Additional duty on HSD

2428. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1047 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th March, 1999 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are charging Re.l/- per litre on HSD as additional duty for Central Road Fund, when the International prices of oil were very low;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not taking back this Rs.2/-per litre duty considering the extraordinary price hike of oil in International market; and

(c) the reasons for putting additional burden on the consumers of HSD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The decision of Government to levy additional duty of Re. 1 per litre on HSD is a part of Budget passed by the Parliament for 1999-2000. The continuation of these measures is necessary to raise resources for road and social/development sectors.

Formula to compensate the impact of price hike

2429. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the formula for T/T Transporter to compensate the impact of price hike in the rates of chassis HSD, Mobile, Tyres and road taxes, item-wise;

(b) how much per kilometre cost of transportation is being incurred by the PSUs for operating their own T/Ts; and

(c) what is the better formula to compensate the dealers/distributors on account of increase in wages and salaries and price hike in the products separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a)